

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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JESUS

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The subject of Jesus has been exploited by the pen of man since man first became familiar with the text of holy writ, yet it cannot become tainted or over exploited. It is ever young, ever old, yesterday, today and forever. He that did live and died, or was dead, now is alive forevermore. "In the beginning was the word." First let us deal with the "word" and the greatest mystery ever known.

The beginning of God's power to bestow life was instituted with the "Son." God the Father conceived, and such a conception of an almighty God delivered a son who was the exact likeness of "Himself" who had power to beget and bring forth coincident. When I say this first son was an exactness of the Holy Father, I mean a perfect duplicate of Him, and the Son personified the Father in power and great glory, for He became first in all things. Plainly speaking, God the Father of all creation begot a Son thru the power of the Holy Spirit of Himself. From the very essence of Himself and the gift of His bosom He brought the first holy being into everlasting existence. This first begotten of the Father was ordained "Prince of life and light" and as the very expression of Jehovah's mind and realm. For power and glory He had no competitors. God set Him first and above all the hosts of heaven. He was to receive homage of all the creatures of God's vast universe. God the Father could look upon limitless space. Perhaps there was a mirror to reflect the image of His person, yet in order to be the one and only perfect creator He deemed it wise to inaugurate His creative work with an identical pattern of Himself, therefore, the birth of His Son portrays the mighty working of the infinite mind of an allwise God. The Son being an exact and perfect likeness of the Father is a component part of the Holy Father and is one with the Father.

When we grasp the full significance of this, the greatest of miracles, then we are enabled immediately to conclude that this Son of whom we now write particularly comes into power at once as the very expression of God's mind. Hence the voice of God, or the "word" sharing the envious position and glory accorded none other since, or doubtless will ever be. So far as we have record this first begotten Son was nameless except as the Lord "God" or "God the Son" or "The Word." Later, perhaps ages, who knows, He was to be given a name and another title as the object of trust in the most notable experiment or plan in the annals of universal history. He would be called "Liberator" or "Savior Divine."

Now we may deal with Jesus Christ born of human flesh, subject to human passions, and we come to the point where we are permitted to know and love this first begotten of God. As the criterion of our faith we worship and adore Him. He it is who is become the central figure or object of all eyes from the Christian element of this present world, as well as the mediator between God and man.

Now I will bring to you the event of which the destiny and hope of millions of living souls were guaranteed. We change our discussion of this all powerful Son of God and exalted inhabitant of Heaven, and recognize Him as a babe born of the will of God working in the human flesh. We found that at the beginning Jesus was begotten of God, divinely, even so we find in the natural He was conceived of the Holy Ghost and divinely begotten of God, born of a virgin, the miracle of which the skeptics of today criticize. Now we will take up His life as man. As a child Jesus was of unusual intelligence. He grew and waxed strong in Spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him. In His early ministry we find Him saying to the people, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to bind up the broken hearts, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind and to set at liberty them that are bruised." His fame soon spread through all the region round about. People were astonished at His doctrine for His word was with power. In studying the great love and gentle disposition of Jesus we find the greatest and noblest character that ever lived. He loved the most unlovely, the sick, the poor, and the needy. His heart went out especially to the outcast and the fallen. The murderer, the thief, the harlot and the atheist found love in the great heart of this gentle Jesus. He went

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Henry Clay's Debt

Henry Clay was at one time considerably distressed by a large debt due to the bank. Some of his friends heard of this and quietly raised the money and paid off the debt, without notifying Mr. Clay. One day he went to the bank and said, "I have called to see you in reference to that debt of mine." "You don't owe us anything," was the reply. Mr. Clay looked inquiringly, and said, "You don't understand me, I came to see about that debt which I am owing the bank." "You don't owe us anything." "Why? how am I to understand you?" "A number of your friends have paid off that debt, and you do not owe this bank a dollar." The tears rushed to Mr. Clay's eyes, and, unable to speak, he turned and walked out of the bank. But that is a very faint image of what Christ has done for you.

Selected

Love Was Shown Throughout Meeting

JESUP, Ga. — We report victory now. We have just closed a seventeen days' meeting at Odessa Grove. Brother and Sister B. H. Hillhouse were in charge. Six were saved, two sanctified, and one filled with heaven's good old time Holy Ghost. The saints were built up and encouraged to go on and faithfully fight the battle for God. The singing and preaching was enjoyed by both saints and sinners. We truly thank God for the love that was shown throughout the entire series of services. It was wonderful all the way thru.

We thank God for Brother and Sister Hillhouse and their steadfastness in faith that was once delivered to the saints. Anyone would not make a mistake in getting them for a revival. They have good music and singing and put all the power they have into the work. They are not in the work for big collections and to be looked up to but they are in the Christian warfare for the glory of God and for the reward that is at the end of the way. They have our prayers and good wishes. — A soldier of the cross, E. E. Oneal.

How I Praise Him For His Healing Power

INDEPENDENCE, La. — I am praising God this beautiful day for His loving kindness to me. I thank Him because I am saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost is dwelling within and because I am a member of the Church of God. I praise Him for His healing power. Last January our two children were real sick at the same time. I am sure they had pneumonia. It seemed at times that they would not live, but we called upon God who is able to heal all diseases and we sent a request to Cleveland, also Brother and Sister Robert Blackwood prayed so faithfully, and God wonderfully healed them. The little girl was so weak she had to learn to walk. Oh how I praise Him for His healing power. They have been sick some since, also the baby had a real bad croup and they said he would not last much longer but God healed him. Praise His name! I could say much more but will not take any more space. — Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Irene Gay, Box 204.

Cured After 34 Years of Suffering

TARBORO, N. C. — I praise the Lord for healing me of stomach trouble and other symptoms. I have suffered for thirty-four long years and tried doctors far and near without any cure. I grew worse all the time. On Wednesday night I got Brother Perry to pray for me and I am now well. I want all who read this to pray for me that I may live so that I will be ready to go when Jesus comes or calls. — Miss Sarah Mitchell, Rt. 3, Bx. 7.

Now Have 27 Members

TRIBBEY, Ky. I want to sound a note of praise for our little church at Tribbey. Brother J. C. Mooney surely did some good preaching. He baptized eighteen in water and set the church in order with eighteen members and God has added to the church nine more, making twenty-seven in all. We have some good, faithful members here and several seekers are going to the altar. We are expecting God to bless. — Your brother in Christ, Dan Roberts.

Doing All The Good We Can

GRANTS TOWN, NASSAU, Bahamas — We have been in a revival for three weeks with good results. Souls were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Backsliders are now rejoicing in God their Saviour. The more we work the better we feel. God is blessing in this revival. Why? Because we are all of one accord. Everybody has a mind to do something. The Lord put it on the minds of the younger brethren to ask permission of the Overseer, W. V. Eneas, and officers for the revival. Some thought it was the evangelist's but they soon began to realize that it was the Lord's and we have to run it until the Lord brings it to a close. — A. Ingraham, deacon.

A Good Pastor

MANATEE, Fla. — We wish to express our appreciation thru the Evangel, thanking the dear Lord for ever sending our dear Brother Drymon to Manatee this year. He surely has been a good pastor. He stood by the church for the right government and has built up a wonderful C. of G. Y. P. E. We would be glad to have him back another year if it is the Lord's will.

We also are glad to have him stay with us in our home. Since the death of our dear Sister Drymon Brother Drymon has been staying with us. He's been so encouraging along the way. So many times the clouds have hung low and the way seemed dark and his encouraging words have been a blessing to us. We have learned to love him. He will be long remembered in Manatee by both the saints and sinners.

Many souls have been saved while he has been here. He has done some wonderful preaching. The Lord has surely blessed his efforts. We give him a hearty welcome back to Manatee and hate to see him leave. We ask God's blessings on him as he enters his new year's work.

Pray for us that we will stand true until Jesus comes. — Written by ones who love and will long remember him Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edenfield.

Expecting Several Additions

CORBIN, Ky. — We are here in a revival. The Lord surely is in the meeting. It has been going on for two weeks. Some souls have been blessed. Others are seeking the Lord and many are looking toward the Church of God. There are some true saints in Corbin. They will stand by the man who preaches the Word. There are several other Pentecostal folks attending the meeting. There is much conviction. We expect to continue at least another week. We are expecting several additions to the church and many souls to be blessed. — Yours for lost souls, C. H. Standifer.

Souls Are Being Saved On P. E. I.

ALBERTON, P. E. I. — Sometime ago God sent Brother and Sister Dorsett to P. E. I. to bear witness to His blessed Word of truth. At that time I was a member of the Nazarene Church and walking in all the light it stood for with an honest heart. But God knew there was a richer, fuller, deeper experience for my life so He sent these faithful messengers of His to Prince Edward Island to preach the Word with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. I heard the Word and believed. With an honest heart I sought God for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Lord sent it into my heart as on the day of Pentecost. I was filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Those days are filled with praise to Him who has been pleased to reveal His Son Jesus to me. I am determined to follow all the way. I have been willing to come out and fellowship with those who worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. Praise God, amidst all the persecutions and rejections of light God has honored the labors of the faithful servants whom He has sent here and souls are being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost on this island in these days. Praise God His truth is marching on to certain victory. — Yours for Jesus, Mrs. N. B. Oliver.

The Captain Knew

Some years ago when Captain Dutton was commander of the "Sarmian," we had entered the River of St. Lawrence on our homeward voyage, when suddenly a heavy fog arose which completely hid the shore and all objects from view. The ship was going at full speed on her course not relaxing in the least. The passengers became frightened, considering it extremely reckless on the part of the captain. Finally, one of them remonstrated with the mate, telling him of the fear of the passengers. He listened, then replied with a smile, "Oh, don't be frightened, the passengers need not be the least uneasy; the fog extends only a certain height above the water, and the captain is at the masthead and is up above the fog, and it is he who is directing the vessel!" — The Baptist Commonwealth.

DELIVERANCE

Mrs. S. C. Wiley

As this message came to me while I was on my bed of affliction, I felt led to write. I thought it might help somebody else. My heart's desire is to help someone else.

As we read the second chapter of Exodus we find a little child Moses who was a proper child. We find that his mother kept him hid three months and after she could no longer hide him she made an ark and put the child in it, believing in God that He would take care of the child. Oh that we could have that childlike faith.

After awhile God delivered the child back to his mother. Why was this child hid? Because of the king's command. But the mother was not afraid of the king's command. The child grew and was reared in the king's house. After a while he refused to be called Pharaoh's son. He chose rather to suffer with God's little children than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season. Praise God for a life like that.

Later when God got ready for him He called him to lead His children out of Egyptian bondage. He obeyed and did as God told him to do before Pharaoh and Pharaoh got willing to let them go. They came to the Red Sea and camped there. When they lifted up their eyes and saw Pharaoh and His chariots coming, oh, how afraid they were. But God drove back the waters and let them cross on dry land. Oh, what a grand and glorious deliverance this was. What became of the enemies? They were drowned in the sea. That is the way, if we will stand still and see the salvation of God. He surely will give us sweet deliverance. I am feeling good in my soul. I imagine I can see them shouting the high praises of God when they went across.

We now take up Job. God let Satan tempt him with everything he could, even afflicted his poor old body with sore boils from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet. Poor old Job! Just remember how he suffered but as the silly comforters came to comfort him he refused to be comforted by them. Why? Because he knew God could deliver him. He suffered on and on and thru all this he charged not God foolishly nor cursed Him not. O God, I will trust you tho' you slay me. Then God came down and gave him sweet deliverance.

I wish I could say I had just such a determination as Job had. I want it but I know it will take suffering to bring it. How will we know we have the faith if God doesn't try us to see if we mean to stand true to Him. I know it will take the real gold to go thru and I want to be one among the number. Praise His Wonderful name.

Here comes the little child Jesus. He was just another baby the enemy was after from the beginning. But God had His hand over Him and delivered Him out of old King Herod's hands and many other things that we could mention but we will take up too much space. We will go to His disciples.

When Peter was in prison and the saints began to pray for his deliverance, God came down and delivered him. They could not believe it was Peter. Oh that we could believe God more when we pray we would receive more.

There is Paul and Silas. When they were in prison they began to sing the sweet songs of Zion and the power of God came down and broke the bonds and set them free. What happened then? The jailer and all his house were saved. So it is with us when we stand the test. We are leading others to a closer walk with God. If we fail to trust in God like we should we are leading others to mistrust Him. God, help us to stand steadfast and hold on to your unchanging hand. We find Paul again, when in a shipwreck, stayed in the ship like God told him to and they were all saved.

As I write this I want to stay in the ship which is Jesus. Tho' the wind be sweeping and the storm raging, God help me as a believer in Him to stand still and see the deliverance come. Just before last Xmas I was suffering. It seemed like I had stood it just as long as I could. God came to my rescue and gave me deliverance. One day as I was cooking dinner God spoke to me and said that if I would do His will and trust in Him for my body, He would heal me and bring flesh to my bones. I tell you that has been a great help to me in this sickness.

While I was so sick I dreamed that the world was on fire. Just such screaming and crying I never heard before. Some wanted to run but they saw no place to run. One more saint (Please Look On Page Three)

Glad I Was Shown The Way of Eternal Life

As I was thinking this morning of life and people, I praise the Lord for His goodness to me and my family. Brothers and sisters in Christ, since the last time I wrote to the Evangel I have sought the Lord and drawn closer to Him. I went to the state assembly at Plaza, N. Dak. I want to say that I served the devil thirty-nine years and that week was the best week I spent in my whole life. The Lord loved me so much that He gave me the Holy Ghost and fire. Praise His name! My only desire is to see the whole world drawn closer to the Lord for I will not believe it will be long until we will see Him as He is and I want to be ready to go. I am so glad for Brother Walker, Brother Boatwright and other brothers and sisters in the Lord helping me to see the way to eternal life. I ask the prayers of all the people. May the Lord bless the world and help people to see the right way. Your brother in the Lord, Oma Gummere, Lemmon S. Dak.

GAVE US THE PLAIN GOSPEL

COLUMBUS, Ga. — I praise the Lord thru the Evangel this morning. The Lord is still blessing in Columbus. Brother Sullivan, our district overseer, came over and ran us a meeting, about ten days. He did some old time preaching and the saints are all happy on the way to Glory Land. He just gave the plain gospel. The Church of Columbus was at the district convention at Thomaston. We took our music. The Lord surely blessed. We all enjoyed the good blessing the Lord gave us while over there. We also washed feet and observed the Lord's Supper. I feel like going on this morning more than ever before. Please remember the church in Columbus when you pray. — Your brother, W. L. Lunsford.

31 Saved, 28 Sanctified, 16 Receive Holy Ghost

RODERFIELD, W. Va. — We are praising God for the great revival at Roderfield. Thirty-one were saved, twenty-eight sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty baptized in water, and twenty-five came into the church. Brother Robert H. Flinchom of Salem, Va. conducted the service. God wonderfully blessed him in giving out the Word. The revival closed with a Sunday School picnic and dinner on the ground. Great interest was shown. The altar was left full of seekers. All who read this pray for us that God will bless and keep His hand on the work. — Mrs. Bernice Tackett, clerk.

GOD BLESSES ME

LINCOLNTON, N. C. — I thank the Lord for victory today. Bless His name! I praise Him for healing my body and for the way He blesses me tho' far from the Church of God. He healed me in March when I was at death's door, then last week again. I have something to thank Him for. I am sixty-five years old. Many have turned their backs on me because I belong to the Church of God. I am the only one in my home that belongs and am twenty-two miles from church and no way to go. We have no Church of God preacher in this place and only two more sisters besides myself, that I know of. I am saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides. Pray for me that I will be a light for Jesus at home and everywhere I go. — Mrs. Katie Berryhill, Rt. 2.

Pray Through

F. L. Barley

Don't stop praying, the Lord is nigh; Don't stop praying, He will hear your cry; God has promised and He is true, Don't stop praying, He will answer you.

Prayer is the most important thing in the Christian life. Without it we cannot be saved. Sometimes it seems too hard to pray, the opposing powers are so strong against us. But—

Don't stop praying when led to sin; Don't stop praying that good may win; Christ was tempted and understands, Don't stop praying, He holds your hand.

In Luke 6:12 we find that Jesus continued all night in prayer unto God. Some today can hardly pray ten or fifteen minutes. Christ is our example and we should be like Him. In Luke 18:1 Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." In 1 Thess. 5:17, 18 the inspired apostle admonishes us to pray without ceasing and further says it is the will of God for us to pray thus.

Dear reader, if you are discouraged, pray thru. If you are in trouble, take your burdens to your burden bearer. Don't try to bear them yourself for that is why so many have failed. Oh I thank God for the day I surrendered all to Jesus and He gave me joy and peace. There is no excuse whatever for one to backslide. Surely this is not time for backsliding for we are so near the coming of our Lord. Don't get your eyes on hypocrites or pretenders but mark the perfect man and behold the upright.

If you are seeking for the Holy Ghost, pray thru. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." These all continued with accord in prayer. Dear seeker,

Don't stop praying for the Holy Ghost, You will receive the blessing when you believe the most; No petition to Him is small,

Don't stop praying, He will give you all.

There was a man standing at a bank counter in Liverpool waiting for a clerk to come. He picked up a pen and began to print on a blotter in large letters two words which had gripped him like a vice — PRAY THRU. He kept talking to a friend and printing until he had the big blotter filled from top to bottom with a column. He transacted his business and went away. The next day his friend came to see him and said he had a striking story to tell him.

A business man came into the bank soon after he had gone. He had grown discouraged with business troubles. He started to transact some business with the same clerk over the blotter when his eye caught the long column of PRAY THRU. He asked who wrote those words. When he was told he exclaimed, "That is the very message I need. I will pray thru. I have tried to WORRY THRU in my own strength and have merely mentioned my troubles to God. Now I am going to pray the situation thru until I get light."

If you are sick and have not been healed, PRAY THRU. Just obey James 5:14, 15, 16. Many are willing to call for the elders but are not willing to confess their faults. Hence, they do not get healed.

Prayer is not for the purpose of getting God to do things our way and to change His methods and adopt ours, but to get us willing for God to do things for us according to His own plan and purpose. Therefore, Jesus prayed thus, "Thy will be done."

Humble yourself in humility's dust, Look to God, put in Him your trust; Soon your faith will distill like dew, Don't stop praying till you pray thru.

Humble yourself to the King of kings, And He will show you many wonderful things; Soon your burdens will be few, Don't stop praying till you PRAY THRU.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIALS

Remember there will be no Evangel the week of the Assembly. The next issue will be November 1.

The Twelve are in Council and when this issue reaches the readers all the Bishops are expected to be in Council, arranging the business for the Assembly.

There are some here already for the Assembly. Some from California, Texas, Florida, Illinois, Ohio, and W. Virginia. We are expecting a big crowd in spite of the hard times.

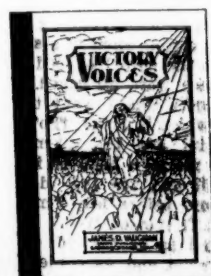
Since last report we have received from the C. of G. Y. P. E., Detroit, Mich. twenty subscriptions; Flossie Morton, eight; J. M. Kile, eight; Ethel Kraft, six; Fannie Duncan, five; Andrew Brawner, five; H. L. Whittington, five; C. M. Dunn, four. We have received in all 113.

He Hears And Answers Prayer

WIMAUMA, Fla. — I praise the Lord for what He is to me now and for what He has been to me all along the way. He cares for His own and heals them in time of sickness. Praise His matchless name! My little girl had something the matter with her throat a few weeks ago. It was all inflamed and she had fever with it. I began calling on the Lord and asking Him to heal her. He healed her. It was wonderful to know that we have a precious Saviour to go to in time of need. He has healed in my home many times for which I give Him praise. Although I am the only one in my home that has salvation, I am living and trusting the Lord to bring my husband and three children into the good holy way. He said whatsoever we asked in His name we would receive, that is if we ask believing. I am so glad I ever found this good way and am asking every saint of God to pray for my husband and children. Pray for me that I may stay humble at the foot of the cross and do the will of my heavenly Father and be ready to go when He comes or calls for me. I want to live so that my light will shine for Him who died for me that I may win souls for Him. I need your prayers. — A sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. R. E. Allen.

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WHAT A BLESSED CONSOLATION

TULSA, Okla. — I am glad to say this morning that I am still praising God for real victory, still saved, sanctified thru the precious blood of Jesus and the precious Holy Ghost still abides. Glory hallelujah! I have not much of this world's goods but I am a child of the King. My Father is rich in houses and lands. He holdeth the wealth of this world in His hands. What a blessed consolation to have this hope within us, that all we have to do is to whisper our sorrows, troubles and needs to our heavenly Father in Jesus' dear name and we get an answer, sometimes while we are yet talking to Him. Oh, my soul is truly running over with joy this morning. I am glad that I belong to the royal family, but when I think of the many dear souls who are drifting, drifting far away in sin, seeming not to care where they spend eternity, I am grieved at heart, wondering if I am doing all I can to win these precious souls for Jesus, am I living just the life to prove to sinners that I am really a child of the King, am I rolling a block of some kind along the road of life for some dear one to stumble over or to back up from and say, I can not understand why or how a real saint of God can say or do these things. Let us ask ourselves this question. Does not a prince live a different life and carry themselves different, or really hold an entirely different conversation to the other class of this world? How much more then we as sons and daughters of the great King of Glory ought to live, walk and talk differently to the world.

I have enjoyed the pleasure of living alone where I could sing praises to God or read my Bible which is the most precious book on earth to me and could talk to Jesus all I wanted to for a year but God has seen fit to place me in my daughter's home where neither she nor her husband is saved. I am glad to be with them but I am wondering if I am living just as Jesus would have me to live so as to win them for Him. I truly covet your prayers, dear saints everywhere, that I may be found humble at Jesus' feet, ready at all times to do the little things that opportunity throws in my path day by day. I miss the dear saints at Maud, Okla. I miss their friendly handshakes, their smiling faces and that real fellowship of Christian love, but while we part for a few days or years here to make more friends elsewhere, we have the blessed consolation of meeting again in a better and brighter land above, if we all prove faithful. Please pray for my daughter, son-in-law and stepdaughter that God will convict them of sin and save them before it is too late. Pray much for me. Greetings to all the saints everywhere, especially at Maud. Will be glad to have the saints write me as there is no Church of God here. I would like to travel with some good, real baptized saint of God in the gospel work. If God be willing, I'm not a preacher but I feel the Lord can help me in doing something in winning souls. I do not feel led to the foreign country. — Your humble sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. Eliza Norton, 412 W. Haskell Place.

Questions For Everybody to Answer

Are you walking with Jesus each day and hour?
Are you trusting Him for the healing power?
Do you honor and love Him every day?
Are you walking with Him on the King's highway?
With your thoughts on Him, can you firmly stand?
And ever trusting His guiding hand?
Have you given Him your heart to keep away?
And a tenth of all you earn each day?
Have you given Him all to make you clean?

That the Holy Ghost may abide within?
Does He talk to you as He holds your hand?
Of the heavenly mansion in the Glory Land?

Do you fully accept His saving grace?
Are you looking up into His face?

Are you fully trusting His wondrous love?
Do you thank Him for that home above?

He long ago has gone for you to prepare,
To dwell with Him in that land so fair?

Can you answer these questions loud and free,
Saying, Yes, Lord Jesus, I am trusting thee?

Then abide your time, the way is clear,
For the heavenly mansion draweth near.

— Mrs. Clara M. Davis, Box 218, Irwin St., Claysville, Pa.

Are You Coming To The
25TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
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Notices & Specials

I belong to the Church of God and my people don't believe this way. I am asking for a home with some Church of God folks so I can help to hold up the blessed old Church of God. I want to get in town where there is a Church of God. In answering this please mention whether ministers or not. I ask the prayers of all the saints. If there ever was a time we needed to work and pray, it is now. I am looking for the Savior to come just any time.—Your sister in Christ, Dee Wallace, % Claude Chandler, Harris, Ala.

I would like to get in touch with a Church of God sister who would like to have a home and be as one of the family as I am not able to do my house work.—Mrs. E. V. Channell, 2346 23 St., Ensley, Ala.

The Church of God at Maud, Okla. wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: L. W. Ball, Lee Turner, Mae Slate. If not heard from by Dec. 1, our next business meeting, your names will be dropped.—Mae Woolwine, clerk, Box 415, Maud, Okla.

I wish to hear from churches in Florida, South Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California that want meetings. Will begin in Florida after the Assembly. If you want us, let me hear from you at once.—J. A. Smith, Box 55, Longview, Miss.

The Church of God at Piney Grove wants to know the whereabouts and

spiritual condition of Brother A. L. Thomas and wife. You are requested to correspond immediately with the pastor or clerk. Failure to do so will cause your membership to be discontinued as ruled by the Assembly.—C. A. Culpepper, pastor, R. F. D., Jesup, Ga.; J. H. Westberry, clerk, R. F. D., Jesup, Ga.

This is to notify our people that John T. Stooksberry has made his confession to the Church of God and others at Knoxville, Tenn. and has been fellowshiped back into the church.—W. D. Childers.

I am glad to say I am a member of the Church of God. The Lord has called me to preach His Word and I must do what He wants me to do. I am planning to start out for the Lord in a few weeks. If anyone in Alabama or near the Mississippi, Tennessee or Georgia line wants a meeting, write me and pray for me as I am just starting out to try to do God's will.—Your humble brother in Christ out for lost souls, Columbus Barrett, Rt. 4, Selma, Ala.

We have a five passenger car and will take passengers to the Assembly for \$1.00 each, round trip. We will go every morning and come back at night after services.—Your brother in Christ, Charlie Wilson, 2017 Miller Ave., East Chattanooga, Tenn.

REQUESTS

To God's children: Please listen to an appeal from a hungry soul and an afflicted body. I have been afflicted with a bad case of indigestion for many months. It has been so bad that I have had to live on milk and bread for many days. My body seems to be in a general run down condition. I trusted God with my body for awhile and he helped me but in January I had appendicitis and was operated on. Since then I have been weak in faith. There are no Church of God people anywhere near me and I feel so alone. Won't you dear people who live close to God please pray that I might become stronger in the Lord and be healed? I know God will help if I do my part. Pray that I might. I would be glad to hear from good people who are strong in the Lord. It would help me much. I would like to be strong in the Lord that I might lead others to Him. Again I ask, please pray for me and my sinner husband. God will reward you.—Yours in Christ, Mrs. L. H. Shuler, Bristol, Fla.

Please pray for my loved ones, especially my family. Anyone who wants to run a revival, please come to Sardis, Ga. We need a preacher.—A sister under the blood of Jesus, Mrs. E. E. McClellan, Sardis, Ga.

I want God's children to pray for me to get strong once more. We all know God can heal. If Brother Rouse and Brother Cox read this, I ask them to remember me always in their prayers.—B. Harman.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may ever be found at the foot of the cross doing the will of my blessed Savior. Also pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost.—Your humble brother in Christ, Dennis Holt, Addison, Ala.

Dear brothers and sisters, please pray a special prayer for my baby, that the Lord's will be done.—A sister in Christ, Janie Bean, Monclo, W. Va.

I am writing this letter because I am lonesome. I am a sinner but my father was a member of the Church of God at Logan, Ill. He (W. B. Dixon, my father) died when I was twelve years old. I was reared by Mr. and Mrs. Joplin of Logan, Ill. There never were finer people in the world. Lord bless them. As far as I know there is no Church of God around here and I surely do miss them. I would like for all of you to pray for a little boy out here who has been sick for about two years with heart trouble. He is about eleven years old. I know God can heal for I have seen some wonderful healings. Also pray for my wife and me, that we may turn to God.—Just a sinner, Roy Dixon, Dutton, Mont.

Dear brethren in Christ, I am afflicted. I applied the Evangel to my afflicted body and got some relief but was not completely healed. I don't know why. I trusted God for my healing when I applied the paper. I want the church people everywhere to pray for my healing. I thank God because I belong to the Church of God where I can shout and praise Him for His blessings and goodness. I have a brother who has paralysis. Please pray for him to get salvation and be healed.—Your brother in Christ, E. T. Pitcher, 400 Simonton St., Key West, Fla.

Please pray for me that God may heal me completely. He has brought me from death's door in the last two or three years. Pray that He will make a way whereby I might give my entire time to Him and His service for the salvation of souls.—Miss Margaret Bissey, 412 Lynn St., Findlay, Ohio.

All who know the value of prayer pray for me as I am weak in body. If it is God's will I want to be completely healed.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Melysa Burgess, Epps, La.

had a good band of music.

The convention opened with song and prayer at seven o'clock Saturday night. The Lord blessed in His usual good way. The message on Divine Healing was delivered by the writer. Sunday morning at ten o'clock we met again. After a good song and prayer service Brother Durden brought a message on "Church Government." It was certainly enjoyed. Brother Durden said many good things and brought out

15 Saved, 15 Sanctified, 18 Received Blessing

A good revival has just closed at Knoxville, Tenn. We began on the 14th of Sept. and ran for three weeks. It surely was great to see the power and glory of the Lord working with His children. We had a large crowd most every night and the people enjoyed themselves. God was with us from the very beginning. He surely did bless His children. The saints were built up in every way. Brother P. W. Myers from Toledo, Ohio did the preaching. God blessed him in giving out the Word. Brother Myers surely is a good evangelist. I'm sure there was good done that will last until Jesus comes.

There were fifteen saved, fifteen sanctified, eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost, nineteen came into the Church and eighteen baptized in water. A large crowd gathered at the river side for the baptizing. Some made the remark that it was the prettiest baptizing they ever saw. The glory of the Lord was with us in the water. The saints shouted and praised God while we were baptizing.

We will never be able to tell all the good that was done. God surely is blessing the Church of God in Knoxville, Tenn. — W. D. Childers, 1709 N. 5th Ave. Knoxville, Tenn.

GOOD MEETING NOW ON

GORDO, Ala. — The meeting at Gord is still in progress. The Lord is blessing. Brother and Sister W. M. Newman arrived here Sept. 27, Saturday night. The devil worked hard to keep us from having our meeting.

We began our revival and the Lord is blessing. We are having large crowds every night. Sister Newman is doing the preaching and people are sitting spellbound. Sister Newman gives out the Word with power. Everybody pray for this place that God will save souls.

I have preached, prayed and cried until I feel I have done all I can here. I feel somebody is getting his last call. I appreciate the saints of Buhl and Coda, for their help in this meeting.

Pray for this place that God will give us a church here. Most everybody likes to hear Brother and Sister Newman. The Lord blesses their efforts everywhere they go. May God bless them in my prayer. — Your humble servant in the great Church of God, J. Aldridge.

Good Work Has Been Done

KEYSTONE, W. Va. — Our tent meeting closed here last night. We surely have the victory. Many were at the altar seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We certainly are praising God for the meeting we have had and the good work that has been done.

One of our brothers went upon the mountain Sunday afternoon with several others and God poured His Spirit out upon him. This brother had been in the Baptist Church for eleven years but they disfellowshipped him when he saw the light on sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He was added to the Church of God recently.

Brother E. C. Clark, our State Overseer, was with us Sunday morning. He delivered a fine sermon which was enjoyed by all. Brother Martin Parks and Brother S. E. Money preached enough good sound doctrine to have saved everyone in the state could they all have heard and taken heed.

The tent is being moved to Crumpler, W. Va. but we have a building rented and hope to have a church of our own soon. Please pray for us that we may be standing faithfully when Jesus comes and that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. — Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Clyde VanNoy.

many good points on the government of the church. At 11:20 Brother W. L. Lunsford brought a message on "God's Financial Plan for the Support of the Ministry." This was certainly enjoyed by most of the people. We then adjourned for dinner.

We met at 3:30 P. M. The interest of the Sunday School was discussed by Brother Lunsford and Brother Marmon from Phenix City, Ala. and Sister Mamie Sullivan. We then closed until 6:45. After a good song and prayer service the writer brought forth the message. We had communion and feet washing. Oh it was wonderful. We had the largest crowd Sunday night we have had since we've been here.

We are now in a revival here and the Lord is surely blessing. One received the Holy Ghost last night. We have as good folks here as you will find anywhere. The church has called us to pastor here another year. We also enjoyed being over at Columbus for about ten days in meeting with Brother Lunsford and folks. He has a fine band of folks, not many but they are shouting the victory. We were also over at Phenix City one night with Brother Marmon in service. They surely did have a good service. One received the Holy Ghost that night. When you pray remember us at Thomas.— Humbly, W. A. Sullivan, pastor.

I Love My Savior

DILLON, S. C.—I praise my great Redeemer this beautiful evening for His great saving grace and keeping power. I thank Him for the wonderful sermon on "Humility" which Sister Janie Herring preached in Bunker Hill church sometime ago. I guess that was sometime in June. It was wonderful how she gave out the Word that Sunday morning. It stirred the very hearts of the hearers. I had been saved about eight years and I don't think I ever felt any more like seeking the dear Lord for the deeper blessings and I have been seeking the Lord more earnestly ever since. On July 20 Brother J. C. Mauldin and Brother Monroe Donald from Georgia came and ran a revival. The dear Lord wonderfully blessed. I don't know why I haven't yet been sanctified but I know the fault is in me somewhere. I know I have been a slacker to a certain extent. But brothers and sisters, I want to move up and get on the whole armor of God, that I may be able to stand. I realize that the dear Lord has a work for me to do and I want to get prepared to do something for Him. Oh, if I could just get humble enough for the dear Lord to sanctify and give me the Holy Ghost, I would be so glad. I want every one who reads this to pray for me to get every bit of self out of the way. I know I have an honest heart. I have shed many tears at my work at times, thinking of what I could be if I just had the blessing. I want to be of some profit to my dear Savior. He has done so much for me. He has brought me out of some great trials. I know I love my Savior this evening. I want you to earnestly pray for me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I want to go with Jesus when He comes. I realize it will take the Holy Ghost to go to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Will you earnestly pray for me?

I long to be there to enjoy all the rapture
That angels display when sinners come home,
But first of them all I want to see Jesus
When into that home rejoicing I come.
—Your brother in the Church of God, L. B. Owens.

Thank God For The Preaching

WEST HELENA, Ark.—I thank God for our little meeting which we have just closed here. Brother J. H. Morgan did our preaching and by the help and power of God it was just fine, sank into the hearts of the hearers and opened their eyes on the Church of God. We all want him back in West Helena. I asked God to send us a preacher and He did. Thank God for sending Brother J. H. Morgan. The preaching was real food to my soul. The Lord is so good to me. I thank Him for what He does for me. Remember me in your prayers. There were two added to the church.—Mrs. Alice Sanders.

NOTICES

I wish to notify all the Church of God saints (Col.) in the state of Mississippi that owing to the conditions of the times and the financial depression we will have to defer our state convention for the time being, until further notified.—Alex Richards, State Overseer of colored work, Box 112, Rome, Miss.

The Church of God at Lumber City, Ga. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: Gladys Warren, Beattie Hart, H. E. Redden, Clarence Farmer, Viola Brewer, Robert Farmer, Freddie Krouse, W. D. Goodman. If any of the ones above are living true and desire to remain members of the Church of God we would like to have your testimony, if not true, silence gives consent and you will be discontinued as members with love and due respect.—P. H. Walker, clerk, Lumber City, Ga., Box 112.

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GOD LOOKS ON THE HEART

Daisy Black, Linden, Fla.

"For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." 1 Sam. 16:7b.

The words of the text were spoken by the Lord Himself when Samuel, the prophet, was beginning to anoint Eliab, Jesse's oldest son, as king. Eliab was tall and noble looking perhaps and Samuel thought, on account of his outward appearance, that he was the one the Lord had chosen, but the Lord knew David's heart. Even though he was the youngest, he was the Lord's chosen. He was strong and brave and more than once he fought with lions and bears and killed them. And David, as young as he was, thought of God and prayed to Him and often sang songs about the goodness of God to His people.

Man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart. Many times now you will see a person who does not dress so well, or have a very good countenance and the world will not have anything to do with them, and often will not even speak to them, but if they have the fire and glory of God in their hearts, God is pleased with them. God looketh on the heart. On the other hand, you may see a person who dresses to suit the world and goes to parties, shows, and such like and somehow they have a great attraction for the world, but God knows all things. He knows they are not right, and their reward will come sooner or later. God will not always hold His anger on this sin cursed world. The people who now live in sin, doing everything they can against the few people who are trying to live right, will sometimes call on God, but He will not hear them then. They will cry and pray for the rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from the wrath of God. When God looks down on this sin loving, God rejecting people of to-day, I am sure He will smite them in His anger.

Psa. 1:4 says that the ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. God's Spirit will not always strive with man, neither will He hold His anger forever. David must have foreseen some of the things that were coming upon the people, when he said, "Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are they that put their trust in him." Ps. 2:10-12. If the kings and judges need to be wise and instructed, how much more should we pray and live in such a way as not to bring a reproach on the Church of God.

Sometimes church members do things that are not right, perhaps get mad at home with dumb animals and talk mean to them when they know it is wrong. Then they will go to church and act as though nothing had happened and the people think they are all right but I'll tell you the all-seeing eye of God is watching all, and He knows. God looks on the heart and not on the outward appearance. Jer. 17:9, 10 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. I'll tell you, God looks on the heart, and if our heart is not right with God, the above Scripture describes us. If our sins have not been forgiven, the deceit is in there and nothing but the blood of Jesus will take it out. Jesus died for us and if we will do our part, Jesus will do the rest. Jesus' blood will wash every stain away and will make us as white as snow.

WHO CAN TAKE MY SINS AWAY?
Who can take my sins away?
Jesus, precious Jesus;
Who can keep me day by day?
Jesus, blessed Jesus.

Deliverance

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of God said to me, I am glad I am saved. Are you, Sister Wiley? I said, I surely am. Then we began to shout and it began to rain and put the fire out. Oh that has been a great help to me! It makes me believe if my trials and tests are like wildfire God will come to my rescue just in time if I stand true to Him. That is what I want to do. I am very weak and I want everybody who reads this to please pray for me that I might stand still and wait on the deliverance of God.

JESUS

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about doing good and healing all manner of sickness and disease. We find in the pages of the gospel that there was joy, sorrow, sickness, anguish, pain and despair. There were men and women tormented with some power of evil. In these circumstances the Galilean wrought His triumphs and won the trust of the people. The multitude thronged Him, disciples forsook all and followed Him. To one and another He said, "Follow me."

He aimed at individuals. He cleansed and enabled men one by one. He blessed all that came to Him. The people marveled at His great power. He spoke as never man spake. He lived and loved as none other had and on down thru the ages His influence has lived. Despite the unbelief of today pertaining to His miraculous birth, His mission to the world, etc., the world cannot get away from Him. He is imbedded in the world's history. "In the beginning was the Word." All history before Bethlehem converges toward Him, all history since Calvary diverges from Him. It is impossible to eradicate His character and influence from the world. He is before all things and by Him all things hold together. We have these words from an avowed and hostile agnostic, "Jesus Christ, come back. The tones of thy dear voice have not died away. In spite of false creeds and wizards and priests the heart of our age still turns to you. Touch the sorcery of our time and wake us from the vile enchantment of fear and foolish hate. Deliver us from the doom of dead things, bring back love and make all hearts into one." Atheists with their false philosophy and science have tried to prove away the truth but they only become entangled in their own guesses. His influence lives on. "He it is who everywhere fills the universe with Himself." He is everywhere in nature. When the water blushed into wine at His presence and when He walked over the sea as if it were solid pavement under His feet, when the waves crouched at His feet in humble submission, and when He withered the fig tree, He was simply filling the physical universe with Himself and asserting His authority over it. Jesus cannot be forgotten. Art and literature are dynamic with His name. He never wrote a book but 60,000 have been written about Him and His story is told in 800 dialects and languages of the world.

Who is this Jesus the Christ? This is the question that all nations and all people have been asking for 2,000 years and the question arises today more so than any age since the angelic chorus sang its peace song beneath the starlit skies of Bethlehem. In answer we say He is more than a teacher or a leader. He is the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. What does this mean? Man thru sin had become alienated from God. The passageway to Heaven for man had been blocked and something had to be done, a sacrifice had to be made, and Jesus! yes, Jesus the Prince of Glory was to be offered as this sacrifice. He left His home in Galilee, took upon Him the form of man, to teach men the way of truth and light and then in the end to give Himself as a peace offering or a sacrifice to make reconciliation between God and man. The meaning of His life and death is that He lived in the heart of that conflict which every human experience illustrates once more. We see Him journeying on, opening up the way to Heaven's gate, going the way before us. It seems as tho' He keeps looking back to us and saying, "So far all is well," and still He moves on and the shadows darken across His path, but still His voice reaches us and the message is the same. At last the way passes thru the garden and up the hill and the darkness is complete and He is alone but His voice still comes back to us, "All is well," and God's Word is true and at last the Word that holds all "Father," yes, "Jesus opened up the way to Heaven's gate," and His invitation still rings out, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

SHEEP NEED TRUE SHEPHERD

GALIVANTS FERRY, S. C.—Dear saints of God, I praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy and for salvation. I am a member of the Church of God at Dillon, S. C. and an exhorter. I have just closed a revival at Pleasant View. Good crowds attended but they have been led astray by false shepherds. I hope to do good yet. Pray for me that the dear Lord will bless my work and I will be a soul winner for Him.—A child of God, W. A. GILL.

Are You Coming To The
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SPIRITUAL INDIFFERENCE

T. J. Milligan

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." Amos 6:1. Amos was a minor prophet, also a herdsman of Tekoa in the year of Uzziah, king of Judah. He beheld with a prophetic eye the captivity and destruction of Israel and Judah. As he begins to look upon their indifference in many things his spirit begins to be stirred within him; a woe is pronounced on them. Woe means calamity, grief, sorrow, curse. This refers to the people in Zion and not to sinners and as things under the law are a type or a shadow of things to come, we can follow the shadow until it will lead us to the body which cast it. So we follow the law or shadow until it brings us to the body which is the Church of God or the body of Christ (Col. 1:18; 2:16,17) and as we see so much indifference among our people in the church to-day, we feel like crying out as Amos did and trying to get the people to see the need of keeping the ordinances of God.

Some are becoming indifferent about attending services and Sunday School. Some are indifferent about the doctrine. Paul said in 1 Tim. 4:16 to take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine and not only to take heed but to continue in them and we will not only save ourselves but them that hear us. I have known some to take a great interest in having some folks brought to time and disestablished from the church for a heretical doctrine then some other preacher would come and take charge of the work and would get up and make remarks about the members who had been guilty of heresy and other things and say they had been falsely accused and turned out. Paul said in 1 Tim. 4:1, "Now the spirit speaketh expressly that in latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." There never was a time when there were as many false doctrines as now. You can hardly go into a home without finding some kind of a book or literature that has false doctrine in it. If the members of the Church of God were as interested in getting our literature and books into the different homes as the other folks are in getting their literature there, we would see a great result from the effects of other people reading our literature. I have known some of our members to say they were not able to buy any of our books or subscribe for the Church of God Evangel, but let some slick tongued agent come along with some kind of a book with all kinds of false doctrine in it, and they will buy it at once. I have been surprised lots of times when going into homes where they would say, Brother, here is a good book I bought the other day, read it and see what you think of it. At once I would find that it contained false teaching and the party had never been able to detect it until it was pointed out to them.

There are hundreds of other things that could be mentioned that we are becoming indifferent about. We find in reading 2 Chr. 34:14 that when they had brought out the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of the Lord given by Moses. They found by reading this book that the ordinances of God hadn't been kept. This stirred the spirit of fidelity in the king and they began keeping the ordinances and there were none kept like it from the days of Samuel. Now the law of God or the Bible has been hidden from the people thru the dark ages but thank God someone has found it and we are living in the time that Zechariah said, "But it shall come to pass that at evening time there shall be a light." Zech. 14:7. David said, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway." Psa. 115:105. Now Jesus said, "Yet a little while is the light with you, walk while ye have the light lest darkness come upon you. He that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth." John 12:35. Now if the Word was a lamp unto the feet of David, it surely is a lamp unto our feet, so let us walk in the light of God's Word and keep the ordinances of God and see God bless the church as never before.

Some folks become indifferent about paying the Lord what belongs to Him. The Lord spake thru the prophet Malachi and said, "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?" Mal. 3:7. Then in verse 8 he asked a question, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me: But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? in tithes and of-

ferings." So he tells us how to return unto Him and bring our tithes into the storehouse and He will open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing that there will not be room to receive it, and will rebuke the devourer for our sake. Say, Church of God people, did you ever stop to think that you not paying your tithes is partly to blame for the financial condition that exists to-day? O God, help us to awake in Zion. God tells us in His Word what to do and what not to do so let's get busy. Let God take an X ray picture of us and turn on the search light of His eternal Word and see ourselves as God sees us and begin to walk in the light of His Word. Some of our people are at ease in Zion when it comes to paying tithes, but let the pastor fail to fill his appointment and they are ready to growl. When an offering is taken up for him after he has walked eight or ten miles through the mud, rain or snow they will hunt over the quarters and half dollars for a nickel to put in the offering, but they are the first one to find fault with the pastor and criticize him for not being on time to fill every appointment regardless of whether he is sick or well. They don't ever think about whether he has shoes to wade snow and mud or whether he has a suit of clothes to wear or whether his family has any clothes, food or fuel to keep them warm. I know a pastor that had to burn slack coal all winter and I heard one of his members grumbling about a little slack coal being in his lump coal and reprimanded the hauler about it. I thought, "My Lord, your pastor would be glad to have that kind of coal to burn."

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." Some of our people will criticize other people for not accepting sanctification and the Holy Ghost and the Church of God when the Lord said in Mal. 3:12 that if we would keep His ordinances and bring all our tithes into the storehouse that all nations would call us blessed; "For ye shall be a delightful land," saith the Lord of Hosts. If we want other people to see the light and walk in it, let us do what God says to do and they will see how God is blessing us and will get hungry for the same blessings we have and will come like Jeremiah said, Jer. 50:4, 5, "In those days and that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping. They shall go and seek the Lord their God. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten." Oh glory, I feel something in my soul now. In my imagination I can almost see them coming now. O God, help us to become stirred in Zion until every member will have such a holy zeal for God that we can say like David, For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house and the place where thine honor dwellest. We hear people say, I love the Church of God with all my heart, yet they fail to keep her ordinances. Jesus said, If a man love me he will keep my words and my father will love him and we will come unto him and make our abode with him. John 14:23. So if we love Him and His church, let's prove our love to Him by keeping His Word hid away in our hearts until it will be a pleasure and a joy to do the things the Word tells us to do. Let us not be spiritually indifferent any more, but wide awake, and march on with our banner hoisted to the breeze until all people can see it, for God said, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." May God bless the church as never before.

Victory Over Sin In Plastaco, Va.

W. H. Jones and wife took their large tent and went into the city of Plastaco, Va. They pitched their tent there Sept. 5 and opened fire on the devil, assisted by Brother Dave Hicks, a wonderful man full of the Holy Ghost and one who preaches with power. We had a battle with the enemy for two weeks but we just kept praying. The third week victory came, then what shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. It was truly the Holy Ghost. Bless His dear name! The meeting lasted four weeks. Three were saved, four sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost and three came into the Church of God. Others are looking this way and say it is right. Plastaco is a real place for the Church of God so don't forget us after the Assembly. We need a good preacher, one that won't shun the Bible. Brother Jones and wife have pitched their tent to Glade Springs, eight miles from Plastaco, and have opened fire on the enemy again. They expect to be there until the Assembly. Pray much for them. They are a real power for the Lord.—Mrs. Beekie McCracken, Rt. 3, Glade Springs, Va.

True Worship

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." 1 Chr. 16:29. The Lord is the God of holiness. Without righteousness there can be no real obedience to His will for in His service wickedness and worship cannot be combined. Some people have false ideas of worship.

To get an idea of what true worship is we should clear our minds of the false ideas and get an understanding of what it means. Worship is a very deep and permanent need, that is, the need of God. Worship is a necessity. It meets our needs as much as food does. It also brings back old experiences and unless we have an attitude in worship of bringing these feelings and experiences to life we will soon lose our Christian experiences entirely. Worship keeps the ideals of Jesus in mind.

As we go to church week after week and listen to the description of the life of Jesus and the wonderful life He lived, we feel that much worship and consecration is needed in our own lives. If we neglect the church life, our memory of Jesus becomes dull and our likeness to Him will be spoiled, yet so many are neglecting the privileges of church life. They think they can be good and do good just as well as if they go to church. Worship keeps us humble. It brings us to a state of humility and repentance. It draws us closer to our fellowman. The time when we feel most strongly our relationship to our brothers is when we look up to God and say, "Our Father." If we have the deep feeling that God is the Father of us all, our sympathies will go out to our brothers and sisters in the one family of God.

The Word of God plainly calls us to worship. "O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God." Psa. 95:6, 7. Many professing Christians neglect the church life and that is why they do not get more uplift and strength. We need to form the habit of keeping the mind and heart alert and awake. We must not think of worship chiefly as an entertainment. If we do, we are bound to lose most of its value. So many like to go to church for the same reason they like to go to the theatre. They like to be entertained with music, socials, ice cream and cake. The real message from the blessed Word with power does not appeal to the majority of folks in these last days. There are so many ways that worship can be hindered. If all of God's followers would just realize that there is implanted in everyone an instinct of God's love and a blessed call for worship what a change there would be in the true worship of today. How much better the world would be. So many are turning away from true worship. Grant Lord that the day may speedily come when multitudes may come to Christ and accept Him as their Savior that they may be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost is the earnest prayer of the writer.

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:23,24.

—Mrs. J. T. Smith, Easton, Md.

Healed of Typhoid Fever

I am quite sure our many friends scattered abroad will be interested to know what my sickness was at the time I sent the request to the Evangel for prayer. This morning finds me still saved, sanctified and the precious Holy Ghost abides and I feel more like going all the way than ever before.

We read in Isa. 53:5 and 1 Peter 2:24, "By his stripes we are healed." I am truly glad I know this is true for it was only three weeks ago I took something like typhoid fever and thank the dear Lord, we called upon His dear name and sent a telegram to Brother Latimer. Much prayer was made I am sure for husband, father and Brother R. C. Cook, a singer that travels with us, prayed and would not give up until victory came. Glory to God in the highest! I will never turn back for I have found the Lord too precious to me. I can feel His presence now. I am able to sit up. Thank the Lord! Everyone who reads this please pray that I may be at the Assembly for I have been to the last six and want to be present this time and I expect to be. I have a sister who was sick with me. She is also able to sit up and go about. We praise the Lord because we are able to go about again. It surely pays to trust the Lord. I do not see why folks do not live for the Lord instead of living in sin. — Mrs. Bun E. Hicks.

He Supplies My Every Need

ARTIE, W. Va. — It is a pleasure to write a few words to the paper I love so well. It means so much to me to read the good testimonies from God's dear children, and the good sermons. They are food to my hungry soul. I praise the dear Lord for His great love toward the children of men and for the great determination I have to serve Him. I am saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God. I've learned to trust Him with both soul and body and find in Him every need supplied. I praise the Lord for this highway of holiness. It just suits me. The dear Lord has healed me many times for which I give Him the praise. Bless His name! I have a husband and child who know not God. Pray for them, and that I'll be faithful to my Lord and King. — Mrs. Pearl Stover.

WARNING TO YOUNG GIRLS

I think that all young girls Should take warning from the fate of Jezebel; She was a wicked, sinful woman Whose soul has gone to hell.

So many girls don't worry, They throw their lives away; The pleasures they now are seeking Will be a curse some day.

The price of a virtuous woman, If you read the Bible it will tell, Is a price far above rubies Unlike the sinful Jezebel.

Jezebel wore her short dresses She used her powder and paint, Her dress was unbecoming Like some of our dear saints.

While living, Jezebel was flattered, Especially by the men, But alas when she was dead What happened to her then?

Was she put into a casket And quietly laid away? No! No! No! I tell you Her body was thrown away.

Her body was thrown away And no one cared where; Had she been good and virtuous Someone would have cared.

I have a loving mother Who's taught me right and well, If I always obey her teachings I'll escape that awful hell.

You who haven't a loving mother To teach you the path of right Just bear in mind you'll meet her Beyond the pearly gates so bright.

When temptations come to you Whisper to yourself and say, "Would my mother be pleased with me?" If not, drive old Satan away.

I know the world is awful wicked Good girls are hard to find But who still are virtuous Can climb, climb, climb.

We can climb and keep on praying Rising higher all the time, Rising higher, ever higher Till we reach that land sublime.

I am twenty years old and have been trying to live for Jesus since I was twelve. I want the prayers of Christians everywhere that I may get closer to Jesus.—Your sister in Christ, (Miss) Betty Jane Curry, Delbarton, W. Va.

SURELY HAD A GOOD MEETING

ARCADELPHIA, Ala.—I am glad to report victory at this place. We have just closed a two weeks' meeting at Bethel. We surely had a good meeting. Brother J. T. Williams did most of the preaching and he surely brought forth the Word with power. It had its effect and the devil was stirred but the saints shouted and glorified God. Twelve were saved and out of that number eleven were sanctified and seven received the Holy Ghost. Eight followed the Lord in water baptism, nine came into the church and the saints received them with gladness and great love.—Your brother in Christ, J. L. Pugh, clerk.

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And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

Isa. 55:6

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isa. 55:7

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Micah 6:8

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Eph. 6:11

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Eph. 6:12

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand.

Eph. 6:13

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.

Eph. 6:14

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

Eph. 6:15

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Eph. 6:16

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Eph. 6:17

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Col. 3:14

Charity suffereth long, and is kind, charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

1 Cor. 13:4

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil.

1 Cor. 13:5

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.

1 Cor. 13:6

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

1 Cor. 13:7

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.

Rom. 12:10

Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

Rom. 12:17

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Phil. 4:8

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Eph. 3:20

Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Eph. 3:21

Serpents Handled

VALDOSTA, Ga. — We the saints of Swilley tabernacle wish to sound a word of praise for our Lord and Saviour. We are few in number, fourteen I believe. We have prayer meeting every Wednesday night and the Lord surely does bless from time to time. We have Sunday School also. We the children of God stand for every good work that is upbuilding for God's kingdom. Bless His dear name! Brother Eddie Culppepper has pastored our church this year and we feel we have had a good shepherd. We especially want to thank the Lord for the wonderful revival we have had, beginning Aug. 18 and closing Aug. 31. Brother G. D. Jones of Mississippi had charge of the meeting assisted by Brother Roland Sanders. We feel there were seed sown that will spring up later. There were two sanctified, one reclaimed and three came into the church. Each message given out by Brother Jones was with great power. He surely did preach the Word of God with signs following. Sunday afternoon before the meeting closed that night two serpents were taken to the church and were handled successfully for the glory of God. The writer was among those to handle one. Brother Jones took the first one, then the second one, handling both at the same time. Dear saints of God, I feel if we wish to grow in wisdom and knowledge of God, we should never resist His power but give ourselves completely over into His hands that He might be able to use us for His glory. As He was manifesting His power thru us by handling those serpents it was joy unspeakable and full of glory. Sunday night we had communion and feet washing. There we had another feast right from the throne of grace. We the little band of saints are unable to tell about God and His great love as we would like to. May the children of God everywhere pray that we'll continue to hold Him to the highest standard. We extend a hearty welcome to Brother Jones and Brother Sanders to come and be with

Still Fighting Sin And The Devil

BEAVERTON, Ala. — I want to sound a note of praise to God for His goodness, mercy, love and blessings to me. I am still saved, sanctified, filled with the sweet Holy Ghost, thank God, and on my run for Heaven with victory in my soul. I am still on the battlefield for God and His cause, fighting sin and the devil. I want to report another wonderful revival. The writer and Brother Adams started a revival at Lost John Schoolhouse three miles north of Beaverton, Ala. three weeks ago. It was a success from the first service. About twenty-four received the Holy Ghost, about twenty-six were sanctified and about twenty-nine were converted, twenty-two baptized in water and others to be baptized later. There isn't a Church of God here but there is a lot of good people looking this way and we expect to set a church in order in the near future. The meeting ran three weeks and closed Sunday night with seekers in the altar. There were as many as forty-two in the altar at one time.

The writer came about eight miles from the first meeting and started another revival Monday night. One has received the Holy Ghost, two have been sanctified and two converted and the end is not yet. The Lord is blessing. This is a hard place so please pray for the continued success of the meeting. Pray that God will continue to have His way with this weak servant of His and make my life a blessing to lost and fallen humanity.

A few words about the meeting at Kennedy, Ala. It was a success. Brother Nelson from Empire, Ala. did most of the preaching. He is a wonderful man of God and can preach the Word with power. He preached from his chart and people came from miles around to hear him preach. Several were saved, some sanctified, some received the Holy Ghost. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Brother Taylor is our pastor and he is a man of God and gives out the Word with power. We were in the meeting until the second Saturday or Friday night. We then went to Stought to help in the meeting there. About eight or nine received the Holy Ghost while we were there. We had a call the next Saturday night and we came to this place or eight miles from here, and God began to bless.

The Methodist, Baptist and people of different beliefs took a hand in service. The Holy Ghost is good for all denominations. Thank God!

This month we have had the privilege of being in about thirty-two homes, preached about thirty-two sermons, and saw thirty-nine converted, thirty-six sanctified, and thirty-four filled with the Holy Ghost. One or two received the Holy Ghost at home during the meetings. I baptized sixteen in water. Pray much for me that I will be what God will have me be. May God bless all. Love to one and all. Read Luke 13:33-37. — Your humble brother in Christ, L. J. Potts.

P. S. If anyone wants me for a meeting, write me at Covin, Ala. Rt. 1, % J. E. Potts.

If there is a sinner who reads this, please repent and get right with Jesus for the time is not long.

The signal's before us,
Oh, heed it to-day;
The signal's before us,
Now what will you say?
The Saviour is ready His orders to give
And take you to glory to evermore live.

Every Persecution Makes Me Feel Closer To Jesus

LAWTEY, Fla. — I praise God for a revival which closed here Sept. 21 with about seven saved, five sanctified, four received the Holy Ghost and four followed the Lord in water baptism. Brother Cornett Rhoden did the preaching and he surely did some wonderful preaching. I do believe he is a real God sent man, I surely was glad for a real true Church of God preacher to come here and fight the devil like Brother Rhoden did. I am not a member of the Church of God as we have no Church of God here but I am glad to say that about four years ago the dear Lord saved and sanctified my soul and later baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost which still abides. There are but few people here who even believe in the Church of God. I have so many persecutions. Everyone of them makes me feel closer to my Saviour. Glory to God! I can feel His presence now. Praise His sweet name! I am determined to go all the way with my Lord. He's done so much for me. He has healed me and my children many times. I give Him the praise. I have been taking the dear paper for two years and it is food for my soul.

On the last night of the revival God wonderfully saved and sanctified my oldest son, age sixteen years. He had always been a holiness fighter but God answered my prayers and showed young Johnnie where he was standing. Glory to His name! I feel like pressing on until the victory is won. I ask an interest in the prayers of God's children again. — By a sister in Christ, Mrs. Frank Dasher.

Obituaries

SPARKS

On Sept. 10, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Johnnie Sparks and took away their darling boy, Clarence, age thirteen years, five months and nine days. We can't understand why God took him away. Clarence was a good boy and everybody seemed to love him. He left father, mother, four sisters, four brothers (one sister was waiting for Clarence up in Heaven), two grandmothers, one grandfather, aunts, uncles, cousins and other friends to mourn his departure. He was loved by his Sunday School mates and teacher. He was sick only ten days when he left this world for a better home. He called for prayer all the time and seemed to get relief every time we prayed for him but God saw best to take him home to Glory. I wanted God's will to be done. I said, "O God, if he is ready, take him, if it is your will." It seems hard but God knows best. I mean by God's grace to meet Clarence up in Heaven. O Clarence, how mamma misses her darling boy. You have left a place that can't be filled but we hope to meet you on that happy golden shore where there will be no trials and troubles. — One who loves him, his mother, Sister Ida Sparks, Ravenna, Ky.

PHILLIPS

The angel called at the home of Brother Lacy Phillips on the morning of July 4 and claimed his precious wife, Minnie, age thirty-four years. Sister Phillips was a loyal member of the Church of God at Crab Orchard. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. She was always ready to do her part, to play the piano, lead in service, or anything for the glory of God. She always met everyone with a smile of welcome. There were many prayers sent up for Sister Minnie, the Lord would bless her and she would praise the Lord and speak in tongues but the Lord saw fit to take her home. She leaves husband, father, mother, two brothers and three sisters to weep over her departure but all are sure of meeting her in the Glory Land if they live as faithful as she did. Funeral

Divine Healing

I want to praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying me by His blood, baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and healing me. I suffered several years with a pain in my side and the Lord healed me instantly. I thank the Lord for it.

Dear readers, I am praising the Lord for the meeting we are having at Tarboro, N. C. The Lord is wonderfully blessing us here in saving, sanctifying, baptizing with the Holy Ghost and healing all manner of diseases. There have been people healed of most anything we could mention. One has been healed of T. B., one of cancer of the stomach, one of gallstones, one gravel-stones, two who were blind received their sight, four who were deaf had their ears opened. It is happening just like the Bible said it should. "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." When Jesus sent the disciples out He told them to go preach the gospel, heal the sick and cast out devils, cleanse the lepers and raise the dead. Also we find in the sixteenth chapter of Mark beginning at the fifteenth verse that Jesus said unto them, "Go ye unto all the world, preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." We praise the Lord for the signs following. One night while we were singing a serpent crawled under the tent, a poplar leaf about four feet long. The Lord sent the power and Brother H. E. Pinkham went and got him and brought him up on the rostrum and laid him on the Bible stand.

Thank the Lord for the way He is blessing us here. Sixteen have been saved, eight sanctified by the blood, three baptized with the Holy Ghost and the Lord is still blessing. The meeting has not closed yet. Pray for us, that the Lord may continue to bless in the service. The writer is in charge. —Jonah G. Perry, Tarboro, N. C.

HANDS HEALED OF POISON

LANDIS, N. C. — I praise the Lord for healing my hands of some kind of poison. It seemed that I could hardly stand the suffering at times but God wonderfully healed me after several prayers, for which I give Him all the praise. Bless His good name!

I am very weak in body and ask all the saints to pray for me to have more faith to trust Him. I praise Him that I will stand true until Jesus comes or calls for me. — Your humble sister in Christ, Mrs. Della Prevatt.

services were conducted by Brother Green and her pastor, Bro. Jenkins. Her body was laid to rest in Haley's Grove cemetery. W. M. McBride.

HOWELL

The death angel visited our little town Sept. 26 and claimed dear Brother G. W. Howell for its victim. He was seventy-four years of age and said he had been a member of the Church of God over eighteen years. He leaves to mourn his departure a wife, six children, a few grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. Brother Howell was a faithful servant and was loving and kind to everybody he met. The funeral service was conducted by Brother J. C. Sellers and his remains were laid to rest in the Lawley cemetery to await the resurrection morning. We weep not as those who have no hope for our loss is heaven's gain. —Written by ones who loved him dearly, Johnnie Prevatt, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Prevatt.

FULLER

Blanche Fuller was born Dec. 1, 1889 and died Sept. 26, 1930 at the age of twenty-nine years. She left to mourn her departure a husband, mother, four children, two sisters, and one brother. She was a member of the Church of God and we feel sure that her soul is at rest with Christ. She was loved by all who knew her. We miss her sweet presence at the church for she always wanted to do something to help in the services and was so humble and kind to her children, companion and neighbors. She told me a few days before her death that there wasn't anything worrying her.

We loved her, yes, we loved her, But the angels loved her more; They have sweetly carried her To yonder's shining shore.

The golden gates were opened, A gentle voice said, Come, And with farewells unspoken She calmly entered home. — Two who loved her dearly and will remember her, Sister Mauds Stepp and Lula Curry, Puritan Mines, W. Va.

He Has Done Wonderful Things For Us

AVON PARK, Fla. — Dear friends and Evangel readers, I feel like this afternoon I'd like to tell you of some things Jesus has done for us. First I'd like to give my testimony. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I have been a member of the Church of God for about seven years, for which I thank God. I have many trials and tests and have almost given up several times but then I began to think of Jesus, how He suffered and died for me and the many great things He is still doing for me every day. It almost breaks my heart to think of not doing my best for Him. I have a great desire to live for Jesus and do His will. We have three dear little children and I surely want to teach them to live right. Our baby is six months old and we have always trusted God to heal him. He has done wonderful things for us and we do thank Him. Pray much for me.

On July 20 a revival began at Lake Placid, Fla., a wicked little city where the real gospel had never been preached. It began under a brush arbor with my husband in charge. There was no one else there with salvation except me and my little eight year old girl. The crowd was large the first night and all the rest of the time. The first few weeks we had a very hard battle to fight against Satan. Later one of our dear old brothers and wife, Brother and Sister Whidden from Palm Dale came over to help us. Their good prayers and testimonies were greatly appreciated. He also helped by preaching some. Some of the good brothers and sisters from Avon Park and other places visited us and helped. It would take so much time and space to mention all the names, but we love and thank every one for their kindness and believe God will reward you all.

The meeting ran four weeks in the tent after four weeks under the arbor, making eight weeks in all. There were nine saved, eight sanctified, four received the Holy Ghost and seven baptized in water. The altar was full the last night and interest was good during the whole meeting. We are expecting to set a church in order there soon.

I don't feel like it would be right to close this article and not mention the mayor of the town and the many other good friends who contributed to us while we were down there. They were surely good to us. We got there without any money and very little food and five of us in family but trusted God for everything and He surely supplied

for saving, sanctifying, filling me with the Holy Ghost and bringing me into the Church of God. Please pray for my husband to receive the Holy Ghost and get stronger in the Lord and that both of us might stand true and do the Lord's will at all times. — A sister in Christ, Mary Flowers.

I Am Traveling With The Lord

CARTHAGE, Miss. — I thank the Lord this morning for His goodness and mercy and because He has been so good to us. We have seven children and have them on the altar of God. We are trusting the Lord for our healing. He has healed us so many times. He has been our healer for about eighteen months. I am glad I have found one I am not afraid to trust with both soul and body. He promised never to leave nor forsake us. If you're trusting Him for your healing, don't be afraid for He can heal all manner of diseases.

When I was about fifteen years of age the Lord saved me from sin. I went on for several years, first up then down, didn't know anything about the highway of holiness. By the time I was thirty-seven years of age I had backslid and strayed away from the Lord and was in a lost and ruined condition. It didn't do any good to go to preaching. I would go back home just like I went to church. Thank God one day He sent a man this way preaching the gospel in its fullness. I knew it was something that I had never heard before. The more I went the better it got. I got reclaimed. Some few months later He sanctified me and added to the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. I stepped on the fender with the Lord, found the highway of holiness, then about ten months later He baptized me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. I stepped on the inside with Him and shut the door. I have been traveling with the Lord ever since. If we will stay on the inside, it will not be as easy to get knocked off. There are so many things to knock us off these last days we need to get closer to the Lord, search for the old path and walk in it. Some may ask, How do you know you are on the right road? If you believe God's Word, you can see the sign boards along the way. I thank God for a road that has the signs along the way. Pray for us, also for our little church at this place. — Your brother in Christ, W. B. Watkins.

Report of Work of The Hazlehurst District

Our first revival was held at Moore's Chapel three miles from West Green. God wonderfully blessed in the meeting, especially the church people were blessed. Some were saved in the meeting. We were assisted by Sister Lola Britt, Sister Dollie Oglesby and Sister Gertrude Brantley. We appreciate the help of these workers very much. From there we came back home to the Bridgeford church and had a glorious meeting assisted by Brother John L. Matthews who preached several times for us, also our home preachers rendered valuable service in the meeting. One was reclaimed, receiving the Holy Ghost, and one was saved. The meeting was well attended and the saints enjoyed the fellowship of each other and the visiting brothers and sisters. We next went over in Candler county to the Aline church where we were assisted by Brother Murray and wife. Brother Murray did the preaching in this meeting. God wonderfully blessed. Two were saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, eight added to the church and eight baptized in water. We feel the church was benefited very much by this meeting and we appreciate Brother and Sister Murray's service, also others who helped us out in this meeting. Some of the other churches have had their revivals. Brother W. M. Livingston reports a good revival at the Hazlehurst church. Pray for us. — John J. Floyd and wife, district pastor, Hazlehurst, Ga. Rt. 3.

Willing Hands And Cheerful Hearts

SELMA, Ala. — I am glad I can still report victory in my soul this evening. I am so thankful for the dear old Church of God and her teachings and so glad for Jesus who loved us so dearly that He gave His life for us. Praise His dear name. I love the Lord with my whole heart and truly love the dear old free Bible plan of salvation.

To the dear saints at Pratt City, Ala. I want to say I surely enjoyed the home coming day service, Sept. 28. The good singing and many soul stirring testimonies were real food to my soul. I feel like shouting when I think about how the Lord did bless. I had a real feast on spiritual food from heaven. When the dinner was spread it was amazing to see the many good things prepared by God's good people. Thank God for willing hands and cheerful hearts!

We cordially invite the good people from Pratt City and elsewhere to come and be with us. We are only a little band trying to do the work of Christ. We would be glad of a visit from anyone to help push the work on in Jesus' name. Please pray for the people at this place. It seems there are so many hard-hearted people. We need the prayers of every child of God that this place will rise and shine for Jesus.

our needs for we knew we were in His will. Everyone please pray much for us. We want to do our best for Jesus day by day. — A sister in the Church of God, Mrs. I. W. Williams.

The Loss of Spiritual Power

Thelma Rampy

The lesson is taken from the lost ax head. 2 Kings 6:1-23.

The lesson for us from this incident is the danger of losing spiritual power or effectiveness. The man did not lose his whole ax but the effective part of it without which he was useless in the work. That is where we need to be on our guard. Satan does not mind if we keep our knowledge and our doctrines but he wishes to rob us of the effective part which is spiritual power.

Notice the ax head was lost in the midst of service while felling a beam. It is possible to be so occupied in work that we lose the one thing that makes work of spiritual value, I am sure we give our time and labor to other work more than we do the work of God.

We will notice some of the things the man did not lose. He did not lose his ax handle but he could not do much at felling trees with an ax handle. Satan does not care how much we testify, preach, or sing. He doesn't care for these little weak prayers. But listen, Satan fears that power of a Christian life. It is foolish to try to go on using the handle with the head gone. We may go on trying to work or preach, testify, pray, or sing without the power but there will be nothing accomplished without the power of God.

He kept his place among the workers. He was still there but could do nothing. We may retain our place as workers, swing the ax handle as if we were working, and all our spiritual power be gone. We may still be a church member and fill our place in singing or testifying but fail to live a life of holiness, lie, deceive, or rob God of His tithes. Listen, such a life has lost that which is effective and that is the power of a godly life. If we do not live truthful lives before this sinful world our testimonies and preaching will have no effect for we haven't the power of a life lived for God. Some wonder why they can't have power. My friend, you may not jump high or shout as some, but if you live a godly life in this world, the power of your life will be effective on someone else. Some try to go on and shout or pretend to have the victory when the power is gone and they have failed to live the life and then claim an experience of holiness.

We will notice how he recovered the ax head. He confessed his loss. If we want anything from God, we must confess our loss to Him. The man was driven to confession because the ax was borrowed. In the evening he would have to face the owner of the ax and he feared to go back without the head. God has committed to us a Gospel with life giving power. The hour is soon coming when we have to face the judge to give an account of the way we have used it. If we have lost it or permitted it to lose hold upon our interest and affection, let us confess to the Master. An honest confession is good for the soul. I am made to believe we must be ever willing to confess our wrongs if we would have the power and favor of God in our lives. Then we can enjoy the blessings of God's people as John said, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." Amen.

Wants All The Blessing

LAWTEY, Fla. — I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. On the last night of the revival which closed Sept. 21 the dear Lord saved and sanctified me. I am still seeking for the Holy Ghost so I may be a fit subject for the Lord's service. I want the prayers of all who read this that I may go on and receive the blessing for I know it is for me. — Your humble brother in Christ Jesus, Johnnie Prevatt.

God Helps Me

GLEN MORRISON, W. Va. — I thank the Lord this morning for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I am so glad when I think He picked me up out of sin and put me in this way. I know it is right and I want to live for God. I want to be ready when He comes. I have a hard time but praise God He helps me. I want all of the Church of God saints to pray for me, that I may hold out faithfully to the end. Pray for my family, that they will be prepared when Jesus comes. We are having wonderful prayer meetings here. The Lord surely does give us victory. There are some true saints in the church and I want those who read this to pray for me and my family and our little prayer meetings, that there may be some souls saved here. — Mrs. Kathrine Bough.

Pray for me to be more humble to the will of the Master and do something for the upbuilding of His cause and kingdom. A sister under the blood, Birdie Patterson.